IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice, and amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A balance management system for managing balances occurring in a plurality of processes, comprising:

information management means for managing information on a balance of a balance item and information on a correspondence for each process that a balance of which balance item reflects a balance amount of which process item;

information acquiring means for acquiring information on a process item and a balance amount corresponding to the process item, from a first terminal corresponding to each process;

information updating means for updating the information on the balance of the balance item corresponding to the process item, on the basis of the information on the correspondence managed by the information management means and the information on the process item and the balance amount acquired by the information acquiring means;

information providing means for providing a second terminal with the information on the balance item and the balance for one or more processes managed by the information management means; and

first means for enabling setting of the information on the correspondence according to a user's intention.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The balance management system according to claim 1, wherein the first means provides a program for giving a setting operation function of the information on the correspondence to a third terminal.

4. (Original) The balance management system according to claim 1, further comprising second means for enabling a selection of a display pattern of information on the balance of the balance item according to the user's intention and a display of the information according to the selected pattern.

5. (Original) The balance management system according to claim 4, wherein the second means provides a program for giving the second terminal a selecting operation function of a display pattern of the information on the balance of the balance item and a display function of the information on the balance of the balance item according to the selected pattern through the selecting operation.